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1. IN RESPONSE TO US INQUIRY RE POSSIBILITY OF BRITISH NAVAL VESSEL ARRESTING SUBJECT VESSEL IF US COAST GUARD DID FIND CONTRABAND ON BOARD, UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO) CARRIED OUT A LEGAL EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED. IT CONCLUDED THAT A BRITISH NAVAL VESSEL COULD NOT LEGALLY MAKE SUCH AN ARREST ON THE HIGH SEAS. FCO DETERMINED THAT ROYAL NAVY POWERS EXTEND TO INTERVENTION ON UK REGISTERED VESSELS ON THE HIGH SEAS ONLY IN CASES OF PIRACY, SLAVERY, A SHIP FLYING UNDER A FALSE FLAG, AND IN CASES WHERE THERE IS DANGER TO LIFE.

2. THIS FINDING SEEMS TO ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBILITY OF BRITISH COOPERATION IN AN ARREST ON THE HIGH SEAS, BUT THE UK IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER PROSECUTION ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE TAKEN FROM THE SUBJECT VESSEL AND WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF THE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE BOARDING AND
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